

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Babak Nemati                                                          Class 604  
Division of Application                                                  Subclass 20  
Serial No. 09/177,348  
Filed October 23, 1998  
For Method And Apparatus To  
Enhance Optical Transmission  
Of Biological Tissues

---

3762 Carmel Drive  
Carmel, Indiana 46033-4329  
February 3, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

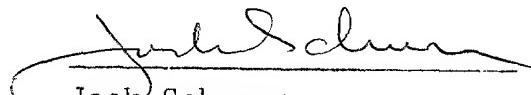
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the specification, page 1, before line 1, insert:  
--This application is a division of Application  
Serial No. 09/177,348 filed October 23, 1998.--  
Cancel claims 1-36.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jack Schuman

Registration No. 17,892  
Attorney for Applicant

Division B